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§ 1.652(c)-2 Death of individual beneficiaries.

If income is required to be distributed currently to a beneficiary, by a trust for a taxable year which does not end with or within the last taxable year of a beneficiary (because of the beneficiary's death), the extent to which the income is included in the gross income of the beneficiary for his last taxable year or in the gross income of his estate is determined by the computations under section 652 for the taxable year of the trust in which his last taxable year ends. Thus, the distributable net income of the taxable year of the trust determines the extent to which the income required to be distributed currently to the beneficiary is included in his gross income for his last taxable year or in the gross income of his estate. (Section 652(c) does not apply to such amounts.) The gross income for the last taxable year of a beneficiary on the cash basis includes only income actually distributed to the beneficiary before his death. Income required to be distributed, but in fact distributed to his estate, is included in the gross income of the estate as income in respect of a decedent under section 691. See paragraph (e) of § 1.663(c)-3 with respect to separate share treatment for the periods before and after the decedent's death. If the trust does not qualify as a simple trust for the taxable year of the trust in which the last taxable year of the beneficiary ends, see section 662(c) and § 1.662(c)-2.

§ 1.652(c)-3 Termination of existence of other beneficiaries.

If the existence of a beneficiary which is not an individual terminates, the amount to be included under section 652(a) in its gross income for its last taxable year is computed with reference to §§ 1.652(c)-1 and 1.652(c)-2 as if the beneficiary were a deceased individual, except that income required to be distributed prior to the termination but actually distributed to the beneficiary's successor in interest is included in the beneficiary's income for its last taxable year.

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§ 1.652(c)-4 Illustration of the provisions of sections 651 and 652.

The rules applicable to a trust required to distribute all of its income currently to its beneficiaries may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (a) Under the terms of a simple trust all of the income is to be distributed equally to beneficiaries A and B and capital gains are to be allocated to corpus. The trust and both beneficiaries file returns on the calendar year basis. No provision is made in the governing instrument with respect to depreciation. During the taxable year 1955, the trust had the following items of income and expense:

Rents	\$25,000
Dividends of domestic corporations	50,000
Tax-exempt interest on municipal bonds	25,000
Long-term capital gains	15,000
Taxes and expenses directly attributable to rents	5,000
Trustee's commissions allocable to income account	2,600
Trustee's commissions allocable to principal account	1,300
Depreciation	5,000

(b) The income of the trust for fiduciary accounting purposes is \$92,400, computed as follows:

Rents	\$25,000
Dividends	50,000
Tax-exempt interest	25,000
Total	100,000
Deductions:	
Expenses directly attributable to rental income	\$5,000
Trustee's commissions allocable to income account	2,600
	7,600
Income computed under section 643(b)	92,400

One-half (\$46,200) of the income of \$92,400 is currently distributable to each beneficiary.

(c) The distributable net income of the trust computed under section 643(a) is \$91,100, determined as follows (cents are disregarded in the computation):

Rents	\$25,000
Dividends	50,000
Tax-exempt interest	\$25,000
Less: Expenses allocable thereto (25,000/100,000 × \$3,900)	975
	24,025
Total	99,025
Deductions:	
Expenses directly attributable to rental income	\$5,000
Trustee's commissions (\$3,900 less \$975 allocable to tax-exempt interest)	2,925
	7,925
Distributable net income	91,100

In computing the distributable net income of \$91,100, the taxable income of the trust was